

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 131
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kerry Stacy upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kerry Stacy is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Stacy has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Meadowview Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding five years as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as an art instructor at Meadowview, Kerry Stacy holds a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art with a concentration in painting; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Stacy is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; by sharing her love of art and imaginative creation, she provides to children a platform for personal expression; and

WHEREAS, at Meadowview, Kerry Stacy has served as the TPS Computer Training instructor for new Hamblen County teachers, aiding their incorporation of technology into their classrooms; she has also shared her artistic gifts with her entire school by painting the Flag Mural in the Meadowview cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a member of the esteemed Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Ms. Stacy has been involved in numerous professional development activities,

including Day One and Beyond, the Tennessee Arts Academy at Belmont University, Discipline With Dignity, and Understanding Poverty; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Stacy truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to encouraging her students to display and share their work, Ms. Stacy's students' work has been proudly exhibited at the Rose Center and Council for the Arts in Morristown; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Kerry Stacy should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Kerry Stacy, a woman of great inspiration and compassion, on being chosen as Meadowview Middle School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, wish her luck, and all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.